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For: **ELONGATION FACTOR P (EFP) AND ASSAYS AND ANTIMICROBIAL TREATMENTS RELATED TO THE SAME**

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Final Rejection mailed June 29, 2001 and the Advisory Action mailed September 21, 2001 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants request that the application be amended as follows. The period for responding to the Final Rejection has been extended, by enclosure of a petition and fee, to and through December 29, 2001.

 In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-3, add new claims 142-150, and amend claims 4-8, 15-18, and 141 to read as follows: